building, compound or estate provided that no telegraph line pertaining to the telegraph was passed over or under public/premises".

As per the information received from the Ministry of Communications, no licence for Cable TV network including permisson to lay cable for TV networks are being issued by them. The details of such networks operating in the counry including those in Delhi are, therefore, not available with the Government.

**Hoarding and Blackmarketing of Fertilizers**

*252. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL:

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report appearing in the Times of India of 12th August, 1991 regarding hoarding and blackmarketing of fertilisers by the dealers subsequent to cut in the subsidy; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No specific and verifiable case of blackmarketing has come to the notice of Government of India. Instructions were issued to the State Governments to ensure that the stocks of fertilisers held by the wholesale and the retail dealers were sold to the farmers at the notified price. State Govenments were also requested to carry out verification of stocks with wholesale and retail dealers so as to guard against possible attempts at hoarding and blackmarketing by unscrupulous elements. The instructions also called for appropriate action to be taken by the States against those indulging in malpractices.

**Strike by Chemists, druggists and Pharmaceutical units**

*253. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the chemists, druggists and pharmaceutical units throughout the country have recently observed one day token bandh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the main demands of the Joint Council of Pharmaceutical industry and trade; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The Joint Council of Pharmaceutical Industry and Trade whose members include chemists, druggists and pharmaceutical units gave call for nationwide one day Token Bandh on 26-8-1991. According to them this was due to Government's inaction and absence of response to the industry's requests and representations particularly in the last two years.

(c) Among their main demands, are removal of 5 per cent ceiling on price increase of bulk drugs and formulations, 25 per cent across the board price increase, etc.

(d) Govenment are looking into their problems sympathetically, keeping the consumer interest also in mind.

**Scaling down production target**

*254. DR. RUDRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that target of nuclear power production by 2000 A.D. has been scaled down;